

IN THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 CFR §121(c), the claim listing, including the text of the claims, will serve to replace all prior versions of the claims, in the application.

Please amend claims 5, 6, 11 through 15, 17, 19 and 21, as follows:

1 1. (Previously Presented) A device for collecting and processing folded printed
2 products, comprising

3 a collection drum rotatably drivable about its drum axis and and comprised
4 of first rests with first saddles, said first rests being uniformly distributed over the
5 circumference and extending in their longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, as well
6 as conveyor elements for conveying the printed products on the first saddles in the axial
7 direction along the firsts rests, and

8 comprising a conveyor device which comprises a conveyor path with a
9 conveyor direction which at least in a transfer region deviates from the axial direction as well
10 as second rests, movable in the conveyor path, with second saddles arranged distanced to one
11 another and arranged transversely to the conveying direction,

12 wherein the conveyor device in the transfer region is arranged adjacent to a
13 collection drum end of the collection drum in a manner such that the printed products may
14 be transferred from the collection drum end to the conveyor device or vice versa,

15 wherein for the second rests movable in the conveyor path there is provided
16 a conveyor unit detached from the collection drum.

2. (Previously Presented)) A device according to claim 1, comprising the conveyor device accommodating operating conditions with selected ones of wire saddle stitching stations, adhering stations, and an additional collection station disposed to directly modify the printed products while the printed products are carried by the conveyor device on an upper side of the conveyor device.

3. (Previously Presented)) A device according to claim 2, comprising bending elements integrated with the second rests, and at least one stapling apparatus operationally aligned with the conveyor assembly as a working station operationally engaging the bending elements.

4. (Previously Presented)) A device according to claim 3, comprising the stapling apparatus being movably mounted on a rail guided approximately parallel to the conveyor path.

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~1~~ 2, comprised of the second rests being movably supported on rails.

6. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~5~~ 2, comprising the second rests on a side opposite the second saddles being supported on at least one rail.

1 7. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the second rests are movably
2 supported on rails.

1 8. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 7, comprising the second rests
2 on sides opposite the second saddles being supported on at least one rail.

1 9. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, comprising the conveyor
2 device accommodating operating connections with selected ones of inserting stations,
3 binding stations, wire saddle stitching stations, adhering stations, and an additional
4 collection station disposed to directly modify the printed products while the printed products
5 are carried by the conveyor device.

1 10. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, comprising the second
2 saddles of the second rests in the complete conveyor path are movable in parallel with a
3 predefined, equal distance to one another, and conveyor devices disposed to cooperate with
4 the second rests close to the saddle.

1 11. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 9, wherein the working
2 stations may be allocated to the conveyor ~~means~~ device in an exchangeable sequence.

1 12. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 10, wherein the working
2 stations may be allocated to the conveyor ~~means~~ device in an exchangeable sequence.

1 13. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 9, ~~wherein in~~ comprising the
2 second rests, ~~preferably integrated, there are arranged~~ bending means, and to the conveyor
3 ~~means~~ device there may be allocated at least one stapling apparatus ~~as a working station~~
4 ~~which preferably is~~ movably mounted on a rail guided parallel to the conveyor path.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, comprising bending
2 elements integrated with the second rests, and at least one stapling apparatus operationally
3 aligned with the conveyor ~~means~~ device as a working station movably mounted on a rail
4 guided parallel to the conveyor path.

1 15. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the conveyor
2 ~~means~~ device is designed as a revolving conveyor with an upper and a lower side with an
3 essentially horizontal conveyor path.

1 16. (Previously Presented) A device for collecting and processing folded printed
2 products, comprising:

3 a collection drum rotatably drivable about a drum axis, comprising first rests
4 with first saddles, said first rests being uniformly distributed over a circumference and

5 extending in longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, and conveyor elements for
6 conveying the printed products on the first saddles in an axial direction along the firsts rests;
7 and

8 a conveyor assembly arranged adjacent to a collection drum end of the
9 collection drum to accommodate transfer of the printed products between the collection drum
10 end and the conveyor assembly, comprising a conveyor path with a conveyor direction
11 deviating in a transfer region from the axial direction, second rests, a conveyor unit detached
12 from the collection drum, disposed to propel the second rests along the conveyor path, and
13 second saddles arranged distanced apart from one another and arranged transversely to the
14 conveying direction.

1 17. (Currently Amended) A device for collecting and processing folded printed
2 products, comprising:

3 a collection drum rotatably driveable about a drum axis, said collection drum
4 comprising a terminal portion bearing first rests with first saddles, said first rests being
5 uniformly distributed over a circumference and extending in longitudinal extension parallel
6 to the drum axis, and conveyor elements disposed to convey the printed products on the first
7 saddles in an axial direction along the firsts rests; and

8 a conveyor assembly selectively alignable ~~spaced-apart from~~ in proximity with
9 ~~an end~~ the terminal portion of the collection drum to accommodate transfer of the printed
10 products between the terminal portion and the conveyor assembly, the conveyor assembly

11 comprising a conveyor path with a conveyor direction deviating in a transfer region from the
12 axial direction, second rests bearing second saddles arranged distanced apart from one
13 another and arranged transversely to the conveying direction, a conveyor unit detached from
14 the collection drum and disposed to propel the second rests around a second axis radially
15 displaceable from said drum axis and along the conveyor path.

1 18. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 17, comprising bending
2 elements integrated with the second rests, and at least one stapling apparatus operationally
3 aligned with the conveyor assembly as a working station operationally engaging the bending
4 elements, the stapling apparatus being movably mounted on a rail guided approximately
5 parallel to the conveyor path.

1 19. (Currently Amended) A device for collecting and processing folded printed
2 products, comprising:

3 a collection drum rotatably driveable about a hub exhibiting a drum axis, the
4 collection drum providing a terminal portion forming a transfer region, said terminal portion
5 comprising first rests bearing first saddles, said first rests being uniformly distributed over
6 a circumference and extending in longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, and
7 conveyor elements arrayed to convey the printed products on the first saddles in an axial
8 direction along the firsts rests; and

9 a conveyor assembly positionably ~~spaced-apart from~~ in proximity with said

terminal portion to rotate around a second axis displaceable from coaxial alignment with said drum axis to accommodate to within a transfer region of the collection drum, transfer of printed products between the first rests and a plurality of second rests borne by the conveyor assembly along a conveyor path deviating in the transfer region from the axial direction, by providing alignment between the first rests and the second rests within the transfer region, said conveyor assembly comprising a conveyor unit detached from the collection drum and disposed to propel the second rests along the conveyor path.

20. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 18, comprising bending elements integrated with the second rests, and at least one stapling apparatus operationally aligned with the conveyor assembly as a working station operationally engaging the bending elements, the stapling apparatus being movably mounted on a rail guided approximately parallel to the conveyor path.

21. (Currently Amended) A device for collecting and processing folded printed products, comprising

a collection drum rotatably drivable about its drum axis and comprised of first rests with first saddles, said first rests being uniformly distributed over the circumference and extending in their longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, as well as conveyor elements for conveying the printed products on the first saddles in the axial direction along the firsts rests, and a conveyor device comprising a revolving ~~conveyer~~ conveyor having an

8 upper side and a lower side, a conveyor path with a conveyor direction which at least in a
9 transfer region deviates from the axial direction, second rests movable in the conveyor path,
10 and second saddles arranged distanced to one another and arranged transversely to the
11 conveying direction, with the conveyor device in the transfer region arranged adjacent to an
12 end of the collection drum to enable carriage of the printed products to be transferred from
13 an end to the conveyor device or vice versa, and the second rests being movable propelled
14 along the conveyor path independently from the collection drum.

1 22. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, further comprising at least one
2 station positioned radially on an inside of the revolving conveyor, disposed to modify printed
3 products carried by the revolving conveyor.

1 23. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, further comprising a securement
2 system disposed along the lower side hindering printed products from escaping from carriage
3 with the second rests.